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POLYNUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES

Examiner: D. Sullivan

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated December 2, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to this action is due on or before March 2, 2004.

Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection. The following amendments and remarks are believed to place this application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

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